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REMARKS	

1. Forty single-engine low-wing monoplanes were parked on the northern edge of the Parchim (W 54/T 74) airfield on 9 December 1949, and about 25 single-engine low-wing monoplanes on 16 December 1949. All planes were covered with tarpaulins. There was no flying as visibility was bad and there was a low cloud cover.

2. The runway, almost parallel to the railroad line to Ludwigslust (W 54/T 53), was about 75 to 80 meters wide. The taxiway was about 15 meters in width. The tarred or asphalted runway had been repaired in spots with concrete and with tar macadam. There were individual macadam heaps along the edge of the runway. A steam roller was in operation on the runway on both days of observation. A sewerage ditch was on both sides of the runway. Destroyed kasernes and cantonment buildings under construction were seen in a woods on the northwest edge of the field. The road leading to the woods was blocked by a barrier. Three closed undamaged hangars were north of the road to Damm (W 54/T 64).

3. Soldiers, wearing black-bordered, blue epaulets, and trucks were seen at the field. 50X1-HUM

4. Forty-eight single-engine low-wing monoplanes and two biplanes were parked north of the landing field on 3 January 1950 (for arrangement of aircraft see Annex). There had been no flying since 15 December 1949.

5. Fifty fighters whose engines and cockpits were covered with tarpaulins were parked along the taxiway in early January 1950.

Description: Single-engine, trapezoidal wings, single-seat, cockpit extending from leading edge of wings to mid-wing, landing gear retracting inward. Individual flights were made on 6 January 1950. The noise of running engines, probably aircraft, was heard twice at night.

6. The undamaged kaserne at the field was occupied by about 1,000 men.

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A new cantonment building, allegedly to house the flight control station, was under construction at the northwest corner of the taxiway. A guarded fuel dump which was lighted at night was in a small woods in the south-east corner of the field.

7. Lt Col Shechkov, CO of the field, ordered the Parchim labor office to immediately send workers to the field when there were heavy snowfalls, so that the runway and taxiway could be cleared.

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a. The statements on the occupation of the field, [redacted] approximately agree with one another and are considered credible. It is assumed that a fighter regiment equipped with MiG-19 is stationed in Parchim. [redacted] the regiment was previously stationed in Werleberg.

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d. Col Shechkov was reported [redacted] to be the CO of a unit at the Parchim airfield. At that time he reportedly ranked as a major.

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